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SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH UNGA: LETTER TO KING HUSSEIN

SECTO 36

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO  
KING HUSSEIN:

QUOTE:

YOUR MAJESTY:

AS I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE, THE SUPPORTERS OF PRINCE  
SIHANOUK ARE PRESSING VIGOROUSLY TO HAVE THIS GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD SEAT THE REPRESENTA-  
TIVES OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF CAM-  
BODIA IN PLACE OF THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER  
REPUBLIC RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES AND JORDAN. WE  
BELIEVE THAT ADOPTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THIS PER-  
NICIOUS RESOLUTION WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY SET BACK OUR EFFORTS  
TO BRING PEACE TO THE INDO-CHINA AREA. IT WOULD ALSO SET  
A PRECEDENT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO INTERFERE DESTRUCTIVELY  
IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A MEMBER STATE.

FOR THESE REASONS, I PERSONALLY ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE  
TO THE ISSUE, AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS STRONGLY  
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SUPPORTING AN EFFORT BY EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES TO ENSURE THAT THIS

RESOLUTION IS NOT ADOPTED. OUR ASIAN FRIENDS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THEIR TACTICAL PLANNING IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND I DO NOT KNOW AT THIS POINT EXACTLY HOW THE MATTER WILL DEVELOP. THE PLENARY VOTE, HOWEVER, MAY TAKE PLACE THIS MONTH.

I AM HEARTENED BY AMBASSADOR PICKERING'S REPORT THAT YOUR FOREIGN MINISTRY GAVE ASSURANCES LAST MONTH OF YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS QUESTION. I TAKE THE LIBERTY, NONTHELESS, OF SEEKING TO ENSURE THAT YOUR DELEGATION HERE HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO PERMIT IT TO CONCERT CLOSELY WITH US TO AVOID ADOPTION OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. IT IS APPARENT THAT THE ISSUE WILL BE VERY HARD FOUGHT AND THAT THE KHMER, AND THOSE LIKE OURSELVES WORKING TO DEFEAT THIS HOSTILE EFFORT, WILL NEED THE HELP OF ALL THOSE WHO SHARE OUR VIEW OF THE SITUATION. IT MAY BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT, PLACING SUCH IMPORTANCE ON THIS ISSUE AS WE DO, WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE IN JIDDA, AND WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN ASSURANCES OF SAUDI ARABIA'S SUPPORT. WE HAVE SOUGHT THEIR ASSISTANCE, ON BEHALF OF THE KHMER, WITH SEVERAL OF THE GULF STATES AS WELL. THE VOTING ON THE SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTION AND ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS DIRECTLY BEARING ON THE SUBSTANCE MAY BE EXTREMELY CLOSE AND JORDAN'S VOTE MIGHT PROVE CRITICAL.

I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR AUTHORIZING YOUR DELEGATION TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY IF AMBASSADOR SCALI ASKS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AT AN IMPORTANT JUNCTURE AND CAN ASSURE YOU WE WILL ASK FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION ONLY IF THERE IS A PROVEN AND COMPELLING NEED.

WARM REGARDS,  
HENRY A. KISSINGER

END QUOTE.  
KISSINGER

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